divided media information, division controlling information indicating at where the received media information is divided is transmitted in addition to the multi-media E-mail, and when restoring the incoming mail, the transmitted media information is divided according to the division controlling information included in the received multi-media E-mail, and the incoming mail is restored by using the divided media information obtained by the division.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 13-16 and amend claims 1-12 as follows:

1. (Amended)   A multi-media E-mail method of transmitting/receiving a multi-media E-mail including information objects comprising at least one of various types of media information and positioning control information indicating how the information objects are temporally and/or spatially positioned, said multi-media E-mail method comprising:

receiving the multi-media E-mail from a sender;

restoring the received multi-media E-mail by positioning each of the information objects included in the received multi-media E-mail according to the positioning control information included therein;

storing the information objects included in the received multi-media E-mail as received media information;

composing a return mail for the restored incoming mail comprising restored information objects and restored positioning control information indicating how the restored information objects are temporally and/or spatially positioned by utilizing the received media information; and

transmitting the composed return mail back to the sender in a form of a multi-media E-mail including all the restored information objects and the restored positioning control information exclusive of the received information objects and the positioning control information.

2. (Amended)   The multi-media E-mail method according to claim 1,

wherein when composing the return mail, the received information objects are divided, and the return mail is composed by using the divided objects obtained by the division, and

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wherein when transmitting the return mail, as an alternative to dividing information objects, division controlling information indicating at where the received information objects are divided is transmitted in addition to the multi-media E-mail.

3. (Amended) The multi-media E-mail method according to claim 1, further comprising storing the information objects included in the multi-media E-mail to be transmitted as transmitted media information,

wherein when restoring the incoming mail, the incoming mail is restored by positioning each information object included in the received multi-media E-mail and the transmitted media information according to the positioning control information included in the multi-media E-mail.

4. (Amended) The multi-media E-mail method according to claim 3,

wherein when composing the return mail, the received information objects are divided, and the return mail is composed by using the divided information objects obtained by the division,

wherein when transmitting the return mail, as an alternative to dividing the information objects, division controlling information indicating at where the received information objects are divided is transmitted in addition to the multi-media E-mail, and

wherein when restoring the incoming mail, the transmitted information objects are divided according to the division controlling information included in the received multi-media E-mail, and the incoming mail is restored by using the divided media information obtained by the division.

5. (Amended) A multi-media E-mail device for transmitting/receiving a multi-media E-mail including information objects comprising at least one of various types of media information and positioning control information indicating how the information objects are temporally and/or spatially positioned, the multi-media E-mail device comprising:

a receipt controlling part operable to receive the multi-media E-mail from a sender and to subsequently restore the received multi-media E-mail by positioning every information object included in the received multi-media E-mail according to the positioning control information included therein;

a first inputted information storing part storing the information objects included in the multi-media E-mail received by said receipt controlling part as received information objects;

an inputted information editing part operable to compose a return mail comprising restored information objects and restored positioning control information indicating how the restored information objects are temporally and/or spatially positioned by utilizing the received information objects; and

a transmission controlling part operable to transmit the return mail to the sender in a form of a multi-media E-mail including all the restored information objects and the restored positioning control information exclusive of the received information objects and the restored positioning control information.

6. (Amended)   The multi-media E-mail device according to claim 5, wherein said inputted information editing part is operable to divide said received information objects, and

compose the return mail by using divided information objects obtained by the division when a return mail is composed, and

wherein said transmission controlling part is operable to transmit, as an alternative to the divided information objects, division controlling information indicating at where said received media information is divided in addition to the multi-media E-mail.

7. (Amended)   The multi-media E-mail device according to claim 5, further comprising a second inputted information storing part storing the information objects included in the multi-media E-mail to be transmitted by said transmission controlling part as transmitted information objects, wherein

said receipt controlling part is operable to restore the incoming mail by positioning each information object included in the received multi-media E-mail and the transmitted media information according to the positioning control information included in the multi-media E-mail.

8. (Amended)   The multi-media E-mail device according to claim 7,

wherein said inputted information editing part is operable to divide the received information objects, and

compose the return mail by using the divided information objects obtained by the division when a return mail is composed,

wherein said transmission controlling part is operable to transmit, as an alternative to said divided information objects, division controlling information indicating at where said received media information is divided in addition to said multi-media E-mail, and

wherein said receipt controlling part is operable to divide the transmitted information objects according to the division controlling information included in the received multi-media E-mail when a return mail is restored, and restore the incoming mail by using the divided media information obtained by the division.

9. (Amended)   A recording medium having a computer readable program stored thereon for instructing a computer device operable to transmit/receive a multi-media E-mail including information objects comprising at least one of various types of media information and positioning control information indicating how the information objects are temporally and/or spatially positioned, the program comprises instructions operable to instruct the computer device to:

receive the multi-media E-mail from a sender;

restore the received multi-media E-mail by positioning each of the information objects included in the received multi-media E-mail according to the positioning control information included therein;

store the information objects included in the received multi-media E-mail as received media information;

compose a return mail for restored incoming mail comprising restored information objects and restored positioning control information indicating how the restored information objects are temporally and/or spatially positioned by utilizing the received information objects; and

transmit the composed return mail to the sender in a form of a multi-media E-mail including all the restored information objects and the restored positioning control information exclusive of the received information objects and the positioning control information.

10. (Amended)   The recording medium according to claim 9,

wherein the instructions operable to instruct the computer device to compose the return mail comprises instructions operable to instruct the computer device to divide the received information objects, and compose the return mail by using divided information objects obtained by the division, and

wherein the instructions operable to instruct the computer to transmit the return mail, as an alternative to said divided media information, comprise instructions operable to instruct the computer device to transmit division controlling information indicating at where the received information objects are divided in addition to the multi-media E-mail.

11. (Amended)   The recording medium according to claim 9,

wherein the instructions operable to instruct the computer device further comprise instructions operable to instruct the computer device to store the information objects included in the multi-media E-mail to be transmitted as transmitted information objects, and

wherein the instructions operable to instruct the computer device to restore the incoming mail, by positioning each information object included in the received multi-media E-mail and the transmitted media information according to the positioning control information included in the multi-media E-mail.

12. (Amended)   The recording medium according to claim 11,

wherein the instructions operable to instruct the computer device to compose the return mail, further instruct the computer device to divide the received information objects and to compose the return mail by using divided information objects obtained by the division,

wherein the instructions operable to instruct the computer device to transmit the return mail are further operable to instruct the computer device to, as an alternative to divide the information objects, transmit division controlling information indicating at where the received information objects are divided in addition to the multi-media E-mail, and

wherein the instructions operable to instruct the computer device to restore the incoming mail, are further operable to instruct the computer device to divide the transmitted information objects according to the division controlling information included in the received multi-media E-mail and restore the incoming mail by using the divided information objects obtained by the division.